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1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-21, 23, 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaschke (U.S. Pat. # 5,555,550, newly cited).

Regarding claim 1, Kaschke discloses keypad apparatus with integral display indicators a top cover placed over a stack of keypad components (105 of fig. 1); a bottom cover placed under the stack (106-110 of fig. 1); the top cover and the bottom cover defining a common perimeter; and an over molded portion that extends around the perimeter to form a self contained key pad unit (101-104 of fig. 1).

Regarding claims 2, 12, 21, Kaschke discloses the top cover and the bottom cover sandwich the stack (see fig. 1).

Regarding claims 3, 17, 18, Kaschke discloses the top cover and the bottom cover are over molded to create a sealed common boundary (lines 27-35, col. 3).

Regarding claim 4, 10, Kaschke discloses comprises a primed circuit board with a flex member, an electro luminous panel, a silicone membrane with a plurality of keys, placed on top of each other (lines 36-42, col. 3).

Regarding claim 5, 14, Kaschke discloses the flex member provides an electrical connection between the self contained key pad unit and a device that hosts

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the self contained key pad unit (101-104 of fig. 1).

Regarding claim 7, Kaschke discloses the flex member protrudes out a trough of the self contained key pad unit (fig. 4).

Regarding claims 8,13, Kaschke discloses the bottom cover with a recess that houses a speaker therein (inherent in the phone).

Regarding claim 9, Kaschke discloses the top cover and bottom cover fabricated from at least one of polycarbonates, thermoset plastics, or thermoformed plastic (see abstract).

Regarding claim 10, Kaschke discloses an illumination color or a brightness on a surface of the keypad indicates a mode of the key pad (lines 3-9, col. 3).

Regarding claim 11, Kaschke incorporating the steps of sandwiching a plurality of key pad components between a top cover and a bottom cover (105, 106-110 of fig. 1), the top cover and bottom cover defining a common perimeter; and inserting molding around the perimeter for encapsulating the top cover and the bottom cover (101-104 of fig. 1).

Regarding claim 16, Kaschke discloses a membrane with a plurality of keys placed thereupon, a printed circuit board positioned beneath the membrane (106 of fig. 1); a top cover placed over the stack (105 of fig. 1); and a bottom cover placed under the stack (106-110 of fig. 1), the top cover and the bottom cover define a common boundary around the stack, the common boundary over molded to encapsulate the stack between the bottom cover and the top cover (101-104 of fig. 1).

Regarding claim 19, Kaschke discloses the bottom cover connected to a piezo

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electric speaker (inherent in the phone).

Regarding claim 20, Kaschke discloses the bottom cover contacts the printed circuit board (106 of fig. 1).

Regarding claims 23, 24, Kaschke discloses an identification component that automatically identifies the key pad to a device that hosts the self contained key pad assembly (101-104 of fig. 1).

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5,7-14,16-21,23-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AJIT PATEL whose telephone number is (571)272-3140. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, PAUL HARPER can be reached on 571-272-7605. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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